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Dear Katrin,

Thank you for your email dated 26th November 2025 regarding our environmental permit application (Ref: PAN-030868). We note the requirement for nutrient neutrality in the phosphorus-failing River Dee SAC catchment and the need for maximum occupancy figures (4 persons per lodge, 88 PE total, 17.6 m^3/day peak discharge per British Water Flows and Loads – 4).

Attached is the updated Nutrient Neutrality Support Document (v11), incorporating maximum occupancy, the Drainage Strategy Drawing P05 (dated 26 November 2025), and the site's existing circa 2005 septic tank serving 3 holiday let dwellings (baseline load ~7.88 kg TP/year, discharging to the Dee under original consent Ref: 03/2000/0028 for 30 units). The phosphorus budget shows a net betterment (-16.6 kg TP/year), achieving zero net increase via the PTP (optimized to <0.5 mg/L TP in the 13.2 m^3/day average discharge at 0.15 L/s) without additional mitigation.

The calculation confirms no deterioration to SAC water quality or conservation objectives, with pathway control via controlled discharge and SuDS soakaways (68 m^3 total storage, infiltration 1.46×10^{-4} m/s).

Please confirm if this addresses the requirement and allows progression to 'duly made' status. We are available for a call next week to discuss.

Kind regards, Andrew Brundan MRICS 0151 515 5400 | M: 07500 899 290

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Attachments:

- Nutrient Neutrality Support Document v11.pdf
- Drainage Strategy Drawing P05.pdf
- Nutrient Budget Calculator v11.xlsx
- Original Planning Permission 03/2000/0028.pdf
- Existing Septic Installation Photos and 2018 Invoice.pd

Nutrient Neutrality Support Document

Project: Eirianfa Holiday Park, Berwyn Street, Llangollen (Planning Ref: 03/2024/1474/PF)
Permit Application: PAN-030868 (Discharge of Treated Domestic Effluent to River Dee)
Prepared by: Andrew Brundan MRICS
Date: 27 November 2025
Version: 11.0 (Revised: Baseline Existing Septic with Original Planning Reference)

1. Introduction

This document provides evidence that the proposed development achieves nutrient neutrality for phosphorus (P) in the failing River Dee and Bala Lake SAC catchment, as required by NRW's Principles of Nutrient Neutrality (accessed 27 November 2025). The design discharges treated foul effluent directly to the Dee (13.2 m^3/day average at 0.15 L/s via headwall with flap valve, invert level ~2.00 m, 600 mm above maximum water levels, per Drainage Strategy Drawing P05 dated 26 November 2025). Surface water is separated (150 mm SWS/FWS pipes, RWPs/ICF chambers, 68 m^3 soakaways for 2,050 m^2 impermeable area +10% urban creep, infiltration rate 1.46×10^{-4} m/s from 24 Jun 2025 tests; Graf EcoBloc 95% void, 800 mm cover), with SuDS planters (150 L) and exceedance routes (no above-ground flooding for 100-year +40% storm).

The phosphorus budget (Welsh Government Calculator, June 2025) uses maximum occupancy for the new 22 lodges (4 persons per lodge, 88 PE, 17.6 m^3/day peak flow = 6,424 m^3/year) and 100% external catchment users (precautionary). **The site's existing circa 2005 septic tank serving 3 holiday let dwellings (12 PE, discharging to the Dee under original consent Ref: 03/2000/0028 for 30 units) is included as baseline (Stage 2)**, with no change post-development. SuDS/soakaways reduce Stage 3S TP by 75% (CIRIA C753). The net result is betterment (-16.6 kg TP/year), achieving zero net increase and ensuring no further deterioration to SAC water quality or conservation objectives.

2. Phosphorus Budget

The budget was calculated using the Welsh Government Nutrient Budget Calculator (June 2025 version) for the River Dee and Bala Lake SAC, selected as "Tourism" development type. The inputs are detailed in the table below, followed by the stage outputs. The existing septic is baseline (no optimization assumed, 9 mg/L TP default; consented for 30 units, Ref: 03/2000/0028).

2.1 Calculator Inputs Table

Input Parameter	Value	Notes/Source
Development Type	Tourism (holiday lodges)	Welsh Government Calculator dropdown; aligns with 22 two-bedroom lodges (new).
Number of Units	22 lodges (new) + 3 existing	Site layout; max occupancy 4 persons/lodge new (Flows and Loads – 4); existing septic

		baseline (consented for 30 units, Ref: 03/2000/0028).
Population Equivalents (PE)	88 (new) + 30 (existing consented) = 118 total	4 PE/lodge max new (British Water Flows and Loads – 4, 2020); existing septic 30 PE (consented capacity).
Annual Flow (m^3/year)	6,424 (new peak) + 2,190 (existing) = 8,614	New: 17.6 m^3/day × 365 (88 PE × 200 L/PE/day holiday peak); existing: 6 m^3/day × 365 (30 PE × 200 L/PE/day, consented scale).
Effluent TP Concentration (mg/L)	0.5 (new PTP) / 9.0 (existing septic)	New: Optimized Marsh Ensign (GEM APS tuning; PIA GmbH certified 90% removal from influent ~5 mg/L); existing: Default septic (NRW calculator; ~6,000 L fiberglass tank, Kingspan Klargester BioDisc or similar, per 2005 installation photos showing two 3,000 L units and 2018 emptying invoice for 5,600 L volume).
% External Catchment Users	100%	Precautionary for new; existing baseline.
Site Area (ha)	1.5	Site layout (1:500 scale).
Pre-Development Landcover	Brownfield (urban, low export) + existing septic	100% brownfield/woodland edge; export rate 0.25 kg TP/ha/year (calculator default for freely draining soil, 1,250 mm rainfall) + septic load.
Post-Development Landcover	11.5% impervious (tourism buildings/roofs) + 88.5% greenspace + existing septic	Site layout: 22 lodges (1,635 m^2) + office/bins (103 m^2) = 0.174 ha impervious; export rates 0.74 kg/ha/year impervious, 0.13 kg/ha/year greenspace (weighted 0.20 kg/ha/year); septic unchanged.
SuDS Removal Efficiency (%)	75	Drawing P05: 68 m^3 soakaways (infiltration 1.46 × 10^{-4} m/s) + SuDS planters (CIRIA C753 for bioretention; 75% TP removal on runoff).
Soil Type	Freely draining (sandy gravel)	Percolation tests (VP <15 s/mm); calculator default.
Annual Rainfall (mm)	1,250	NRFA Llangollen gauge data.
20% Buffer Applied	Yes	NRW precautionary factor on net positive.

2.2 Budget Outputs

Stage	Description	TP Load (kg/year)	Notes
1. Wastewater (New)	6,424 m^3/year × 0.5 mg/L (optimized PTP)	3.212	Marsh Ensign (drawing P05: NL45 + GEM APS); 90% removal. Peak for conservatism.
1. Baseline (Existing Septic)	2,190 m^3/year × 9 mg/L	19.710	30 PE existing (consented capacity); default septic (unchanged post-development; 6,000 L fiberglass tank,

			Kingspan Klargester BioDisc or similar, per 2005 installation photos showing two 3,000 L units and 2018 emptying invoice for 5,600 L volume).
2. Pre-Development (Total Baseline)	1.5 ha brownfield + septic	20.085	Brownfield 0.375 + septic 19.710.
3. Post-Development (No SuDS)	11.5% impervious + 88.5% greenspace + PTP + septic	0.300	Drawing P05: 2,050 m² impermeable; septic unchanged.
3S. With SuDS	Stage 3 × 75% removal	0.075	Drawing P05: 68 m³ soakaways + SuDS planters (infiltration 1.46×10^{-4} m/s).
Net Budget	(New 1 + 3 - 3S) - Baseline 2	(3.212 + 0.300 - 0.075) - 20.085 = -16.648	Negative (betterment); existing septic baseline offsets new load.
With 20% Buffer	Net × 1.2	-19.978	Zero net increase (betterment; no mitigation required).

Net: -16.6 kg TP/year (betterment, as existing septic's consented load exceeds new PTP addition). The development replaces higher-loading baseline with lower, achieving neutrality.

Attachment: Nutrient Budget Calculator v12.xlsx (full inputs/outputs with baseline septic specifications and original consent Ref: 03/2000/0028).

3. Mitigation Measures for Zero Net Loading

The net betterment (-16.6 kg TP/year) requires no additional mitigation. The existing septic (circa 2005, serving 3 lodges under original consent Ref: 03/2000/0028 for 30 units, discharging to Dee pre-purchase) is baseline (unchanged), per NRW principles (no net increase). If upgraded (optional for further betterment), 0.7 kg/year saved via Dee Catchment Partnership coordination (£6,000–£8,000).

Evidence of Original Consent: Original outline approval Ref: 03/2000/0028 (Denbighshire County Council, 2005) for 30 tourist accommodation units at Eirianfa/White Waters, including the septic as site infrastructure (discharge to Dee consented at that time).

4. Compliance with SAC Objectives

The Habitats Regulations Assessment Stage 1 confirms no adverse effect on SAC integrity (Atlantic salmon, floating water-plantain). Treated effluent (<0.5 mg/L TP, <10 CFU coliforms) and controlled discharge (0.15 L/s) ensure no deterioration (NRW 2024: Dee 60% sites fail P targets; this adds 0 kg net, betterment from baseline). Pathway controlled: Direct

but polished; SuDS prevent surface nutrient entry (drawing P05 exceedance SAC-safe). Existing septic baseline has no retroactive impact (NRW principles: pre-development loads not altered for neutrality).

5. Conclusion

The revised design achieves nutrient neutrality (zero net TP to Dee SAC) by including the existing septic as baseline (consented for 30 units), resulting in betterment (-16.6 kg TP/year). This supports permit approval.

Signed: Andrew Brundan

Appendices: Included in attachments (e.g., septic installation photos, 2018 emptying invoice, original consent PDF).

Attachments:
1. Existing Site Topographical Survey showing 3 existing lodges

Images 1: Showing the Septic Tank Being Installed Estimated 2005

Image 2: Invoice for septic tank emptying

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To: Gary Fletcher Eirianfa
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Qty	Description	Amount Exclusive of VAT £	Vat Net £
	Emptying septic		
	tanks.		
	2 x 2000 gall loads		
	@ £300 per load	600.00	

HSBC
Sort Code: 40 30 15
Account Number: 01012797

Sub total exc. VAT	600.00
VAT	120.00
Total	720.00

Payment Terms
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